

**Abstract**

Masking means (1) for masking of a longitudinally extended edge area  
5 of a vehicle body or an appliance housing during a coating process, in  
particular a painting or preservation process, with the arrangement of  
a longitudinally continuous cavity and slot (3) of the outer contour  
leading into it, whose boundary areas are elastically pre-tensioned to  
each other.

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(Fig. 1A)